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Welcome to the June edition of our Primary School newsletter! From Communion and Confirmation to ESB Science Blast and a Touch Rugby competition in the Aviva Stadium, our students have demonstrated their enthusiasm and dedication throughout the last month. Read on to find out the latest news from Scoil Náisiúnta Loch Guir.

Holy Communion and Confirmation

Four 2nd class pupils made their First Holy Communion on Saturday 20th May in St. Patrick's Church here in Patrickswell. Thank you to Rev. Fr. Eddie Cleary for a lovely ceremony and to Múinteoir Carole for her hard work in preparing the children for their special day receiving the sacrament of Holy Communion. Thank you to Áine Barry and Tom Tierney for the beautiful music and singing. We would also like to thank our Parents Association who hosted families in the school afterwards for tea/coffee and treats.



Eight pupils from 5th and 6th Class in our school, along with 37 pupils from Knockainey N.S., made their Confirmation on Friday 26th May in Knockainey Church. Thank you to the Knockainey N.S. Parents Association for welcoming us for refreshments after the ceremony. It was special day for all.

Parents Association

The Parents Association have been very active in recent months fundraising for our school. They hosted a cake sale on Easter Sunday, 9th April, after mass in the Honey Fitz. A total of €705 was raised.

A second fundraiser took place on Friday 28th April in Nagles Eurospar, Bruff. A total of €683 was raised for our school.

We would like to acknowledge the hard work of our Parents Association in organising these fundraisers.

The PA contributed a total of €1632 towards the cost of swimming reducing the overall cost of 6 swimming lessons in UL to €20 per child for parents. They are also contributing €430 to the cost of our school tour which will reduce the cost per child from €38 down to €15.

DEIS School Meals

Shortly before the Easter break we received notification of a DEIS School Meals Paperwork Inspection. This required us to submit invoices and receipts for our school meals from The Lunch Bag and our attendance data for the months of January and February. We also had to submit Bank Statements for these months as well. This was followed by a telephone questionnaire with an inspector from the Department of Social Protection. We would like to thank our Board of Management, particularly our Treasurer Tom Lynch, for his assistance in submitting this paperwork on time. The inspection was successfully completed.

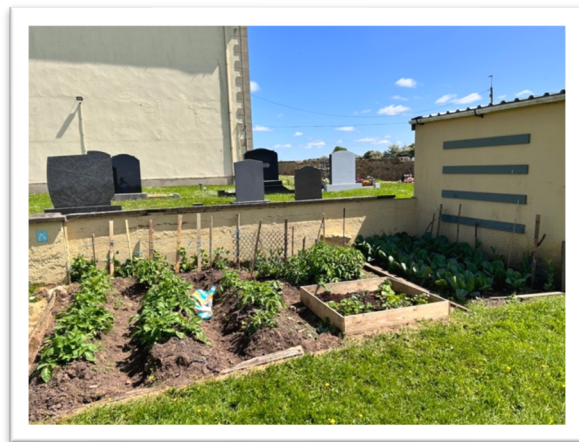
Heritage in Schools

As part of the Heritage in Schools initiative, Geoff Hunt visited the school and took the children pond dipping and bird watching at Lough Gur Lake. He then educated us about the creatures they found in the lake at the school afterwards with all children getting an opportunity to examine their findings under a microscope.



School Garden

Mags, our SNA, and OC's Grandfather have been tending to our school Garden. The children took home lettuce last week and we will be making chips with our potatoes in the next couple of weeks.



ESB Science Blast

The senior classroom travelled to Mary Immaculate College today to participate in the ESB Science Blast Initiative. The children made an appearance on Ireland AM this morning and gave a great account of their project which was titled 'Does



consuming Protein make you stronger?'. We are so proud of them for representing our school in this initiative. Thank you to Múinteoir Kate for helping to prepare our boys and girls for this initiative.

Aviva Touch Rugby Tournament

Our school was selected to participate in An All-Ireland Touch Rugby competition in the Aviva Stadium on Tuesday 30th May. We were one of 4 schools from Munster participating. There was huge excitement as we travelled to Dublin on the bus and a great day out was had by all.



Animal Magic School Visit

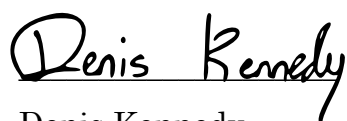
Animal Magic Wildlife Displays are visiting the school on Tuesday 13th June. They will bring animals for the children to see and hold on the day. We are very much looking forward to their visit

School Trips

Our school tour will take place this year on 21st June in TUS Moylish with Let's GO Summer Camps.

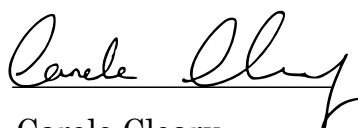
We are also going on a free educational trip to Ardnacrusha Power Station on Friday 23rd June.

Le gach dea-ghuí,



Denis Kennedy

An Príomhoide



Carole Cleary

An Príomhoide Tánaiste